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TITLE: Planar, rolled semi-finished product of aluminum alloys

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This paper responds to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 11, 2009, for which the shortened statutory period was set to expire on September 11, 2009. Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time until November 11, 2009. Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge the \$490.00 two-month extension fee to Attorney's Deposit Account No.: 50-3081. If any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No.: 50-3081.

The Examiner has required Applicants to elect one of the two following groups of inventions which are allegedly not linked to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1: Group 1 (claims 1-3), drawn to a planar, rolled aluminum products; and Group 2 (claim 4) drawn to a method of making a planar, rolled aluminum product.

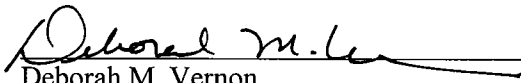
In order to expedite prosecution, Applicants elect Group 2 (claim 4). Accordingly, claims 1-3 are withdrawn from further consideration.

Applicants respectfully request that claim 4 now proceeds promptly to examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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